

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause to recognize Missouri State Representative Thomas Albert Villa, who will observe his sixty-third birthday on March 16, 2008; and

Whereas, representing the 108th District, part of the City of St. Louis, Representative Villa has served in the Missouri House of Representatives for nearly nine full terms, bearing witness to many changes; and

Whereas, a democrat, Representative Villa was originally elected to the House in November 1974, saving him from a life on the mean streets of Holly Hills, holding the leadership positions of Majority Whip from 1978 through 1980 and Majority Floor Leader from 1980 to 1984, and he was again elected in 2000 to serve another eight years; and

Whereas, in addition to his legislative duties, Representative Villa is a part-time delivery boy for Villa Lighting Supply Company in St. Louis; and

Whereas, in 1974, “laptops” meant having lunch away from a table; “high-tech” meant using an AC converter, and a “mobile phone” was a telephone with a twelve-foot cord; and

Whereas, also in 1974, “majority” meant “democrat” (one hundred fourteen of them) and republicans were on the endangered species list (all forty-nine of them); and

Whereas, Representative Villa is well known for his rapier wit and unparalleled skill with practical jokes, resulting in minor irritations like forgery, stationery theft, and pictorial critique; and

Whereas, Representative Villa plans to celebrate his birthday with a private concert given by his beloved animated-toy collection; and

Whereas, Representative Villa is the husband of Karen Ann Harvey Villa and the son of Albert “Red” Villa, who served St. Louis as an Alderman longer than any other, from 1953 to 1990, and the Aldermanic Chambers in St. Louis City Hall are named in his honor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere happy birthday wishes on the occasion of the thirty-fourth annual twenty-ninth birthday of the perpetual kid Representative Thomas Villa; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Representative Thomas Albert Villa, as a measure of our affection, respect, and esteem.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton
District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker